

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, January 21

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, January 22

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 24

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Salisbury Steak)
6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study led by Dr. Carol Stephenson (Psalms)
6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Christian Education Committee in Crossroads classroom

Sunday, January 28

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
6:00 p.m. - Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting

Monday, January 29

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 30

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in Crossroads classroom

Wednesday, January 31

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Creamy Chicken Pasta w/ Bacon)
6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study led by Dr. Carol Stephenson (Psalms)
6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 4 - Scout Sunday

The Lord's Supper will be observed at both services

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, February 5

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 6

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

Wednesday, February 7

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Spaghetti & Meatballs)
6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study led by Dr. Carol Stephenson (Psalms)
6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
6:30 p.m. - Youth & Children (First Wednesday's)
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons

Sunday, February 11 - Souper Bowl of Caring

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
5:00 p.m. - Youth Souper Bowl Party hosted by the Doughtons

Monday, February 12

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 14

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Creamy Chicken Pasta w/bacon)
7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service
7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting in the Crossroads classroom



* Wednesday Night Live *

Join us for Winter 2024

Come experience the new format of our Wednesday Night Live. Don't miss out on an always delicious dinner prepared by Chef Rod beginning at 5:45 p.m. All adult classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

Session 1 - January 17 through February 7

Adult Classes: Bible Study on the book of Psalms led by Dr. Carol Stephenson or Oil Painting with Pete Allen.

February 14 - Dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by Worship Service - Ash Wednesday.

Session 2 - February 21 through March 20

Adult Classes: A Lenten Bible Study led by Rev. Doughton, or Oil Painting with Pete Allen.

Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting

2023 Annual Report
A Year in Review



Sunday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a covered dish to share.

We suggest a Meat, Side Dish, Salad, or Dessert to share.

Elder Sign-up Sheet has been posted in the hall by Rev. Doughton's Office. Please sign-up today!

2023 Year End Contribution Reports

Please find the end of the year contribution reports in the Welcome Center. We are so grateful for each of you and for the generous support you have shown the church.



THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues as we collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. The total collected in January thus far is **67 items. Thank You!**

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ryoji Shimpo, Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

January 21, 2024

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

About the Cover Picture

In Tel Dan in northern Galilee, the Jordan flows fast. In this higher country in late April, it is cool and the waters nourish the land to a vivid green. Proverbs and other scriptures compare the pursuit of wisdom to the work of a life giving river. Today we will look at the outcomes of this pursuit in regards to heart, foot, and mouth.



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Let us worship God!*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Franklin Ritter

INTROIT 452 *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Paul Baloche

**Open the Eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You; I want to see You.**

**Open the Eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You; I want to see You;**

to see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 96:1-2*

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Let us Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

*HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have done those things that which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O Merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of Your name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE *(Hymn 581)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. A—men. A—men.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

ANTHEM *He Is Born* arr. John F. Wilson
Chancel Choir

Refrain: He is born, the holy Child,
Play the oboe and bagpipes merrily.

He is born, the holy Child, Sing We Now of the Savior mild.

Thru the ages of the past, Prophets have foretold His coming,
Thru the ages of the past, Now the time has come at last!

Refrain

Jesus, Lord of all the earth, Coming as a child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the earth, Coming down in lowly birth!

Refrain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty God, Your Word makes wise the simple-open us to Your message today as we hear Your Word read and preached in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Mark 7:20-23*

And Jesus said, 'It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Proverbs 4:23-27, 6:16-19*

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forwards, and your gaze be straight before you. Keep straight the path of your feet, and all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that hurry to run to evil, a lying witness who testifies falsely, and one who sows discord in a family.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

SERMON *Life Lessons: Heart, Foot, & Mouth* Rev. Doughton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Paul Davis
Ryoji Shimpo, Pianist

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

*HYMN 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 546 *Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (vs. 1)*
arr. Geoffrey Thring

**Lord dismiss us with Your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;**

**let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation / The Solid Rock* arr. Don Shannon

Following the Response we will have our Postlude. Please be seated as the Postlude begins. You are encouraged to use all of the Postlude as part of the worship service. If you wish to pause and then leave during the music, please do so in a worshipful way. Rev. Doughton will be at the door to shake hands.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Kay Alvarez (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - David Stormer, Debra Ford, and Renee Stormer (8:45);
David Stormer, Debra Ford, Renee Stormer, and Paul Luce (11:00)